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FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General revenue *	(\$253,400)	(\$254,900)	(\$256,500)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds *	(\$253,400)	(\$254,900)	(\$256,500)

*Subject to appropriation.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety, Missouri National Guard, State Water Patrol, Capitol Police**, and the **State Highway Patrol** assume no fiscal impact to their organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety**, assume this proposal would result in minimal additional cost to their organization which could be absorbed from existing resources.

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education (CBHE)** assume this proposal would increase the number of potential recipients for the Public Service Officer or Employee's Child Survivor Grant Program. CBHE has estimated an annual cost of \$50,400 for the expansion of the Service Officer or Employee's Child Survivor Grant Program. The average award for this program is \$5,600. Over the past three years, an average of two volunteer firefighters were killed each year and an estimated four were disabled. Applying the same ratio, CBHE estimated an average of one reserve peace officer was killed each year and two were disabled. These estimated occurrences total nine, and multiplied by the average award of \$5,600 totals \$50,400. An important assumption is made in this calculation. It is possible for a volunteer firefighter or reserve peace officer to have more than one eligible recipient, greatly increasing the amount required to meet the needs of those eligible for this grant.

Oversight assumes the average award under the Service Officer or Employee's Child Survivor Grant Program would increase 3% per year for inflation. This program is subject to appropriation.

In a response to an similar proposal, officials from **Southwest Missouri State University** indicate an annual cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000 for the institutional match.

In a response to an similar proposal, officials from **Harris-Stowe State College** anticipate the fiscal impact for fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005 would be \$45,000.

Officials from the **University of Missouri** assume this proposal would result in additional annual costs of \$12,500 to \$17,500 to the University.

Oversight assumes that since the current language in statute (Section 161.415.3, RSMo) states “. “matching funds shall not be taken from money made available to the college or university from state funds”, there will be no state fund fiscal impact to the colleges and universities.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

In a response to an similar proposal, officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume the appropriation will need to double in size to double the number of scholarships from 100 to 200. To increase the amount by \$1,000 for potentially all of the applicants, the appropriation will require an additional \$200,000 for a total impact of \$400,000 each year.

In a response to a similar proposal in a prior session, DESE responded that approximately 1.6% of minority scholarship recipients are entering the field of special education. Assuming this percentage continues to hold true, it is believed that 3 of the 200 potential recipients of the minority scholarship would qualify for the additional \$1,000. Therefore, the additional cost for this segment of the increase is 3 X \$1,000 = \$3,000.

Oversight assumes the percentage of recipients entering the field of special education is the same, and has calculated the fiscal impact accordingly. Oversight also assumes that increasing the potential number of minority teaching scholarships may not create a fiscal impact because the program is subject to appropriation.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Cost - Department of Elementary and Secondary Education</u>			
Minority Teaching Scholarships *	(\$203,000)	(\$203,000)	(\$203,000)
<u>Costs - Department of Higher Education</u>			
Grant program *	<u>(\$50,400)</u>	<u>(\$51,900)</u>	<u>(\$53,500)</u>
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND *	<u>(\$253,400)</u>	<u>(\$254,900)</u>	<u>(\$256,500)</u>
*Subject to appropriation.			
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

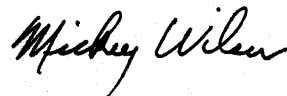
This proposal would double the number of renewable one-year minority teaching scholarships from one hundred to two hundred, and increase the amount of such scholarships to \$3,000 for minority students planning to teach special education. The limit for annual scholarship aid to special education majors would be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,500, and state law requires colleges and universities to match these additional state grants with funds other than those provided by the state.

This proposal also expands eligibility for the public safety officer and survivor educational grant program to volunteer firefighters and reserve police officers.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety
Missouri National Guard
State Water Patrol
Capitol Police
Missouri National Guard
State Highway Patrol
Division of Fire Safety
Department of Higher Education
University of Missouri



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